

AGENDA: March 25, 2003

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Attorney

TITLE: Santa Clara County Interoperability
Project—Agreement for Receipt of Grant
Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute agreements with Santa Clara County to receive grant funds to purchase radio equipment for the Santa Clara County Interoperability Project.

FISCAL IMPACT—None.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City of Mountain View and 17 other public agencies within Santa Clara County have been participating in a data and radio interoperability project for the past two years. As a result of this project, the various radio systems used by public safety agencies in this County will be able to communicate with one another during emergencies. Each public agency or "Network Participant" has contributed \$19,499.47 toward the initial goal of establishing an interoperability strategy. The Network Participants are sharing staff resources to reduce costs. As part of its contribution, the City serves as the fiscal agent for the Interoperability Project and disburses the project funds upon authorization of the Network Participants.

Building out the existing radio infrastructure to achieve radio interoperability is one of the strategies developed by the Network Participants. Additional funding was recently made available by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. With the assistance of the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Network Participants recently received a grant of \$452,273 and expect an additional allocation of \$310,000 in grant funds to purchase radio equipment for the Interoperability Project.

Upon execution of the attached agreement (Attachment 1), the County will provide grant funds to the City to purchase radio equipment on behalf of the Network Participants. Pursuant to Council Policy A-10, the City Council must approve all contracts between the City and other governmental agencies.

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CONCLUSION

The Network Participants are pleased with the award of grant funds to purchase the radio equipment. Accordingly, staff seeks authorization from the City Council for the City Manager to execute the attached agreement and any similar agreements in the future for acceptance of grant or other alternative funds to purchase radio equipment for the Interoperability Project.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Agreement